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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report — Panama Bureau — July 1985

I. GENERAL

The first major technical problem to afflict the ROSET's since April surfaced on 19 July. The servo system on the signals analysis antenna failed to operate because of blown fuses on the azimuth motor controller. The cause was found to be shorting in the rectifier assemblies on the motor controller, caused by accumulations of moisture and dirt. An engineer from Electrospace Systems, Inc., the servo system manufacturer, cleaned and rebuilt the rectifier, using new insulators which were coated to prevent the intrusion of moisture. To insure further that there will be no recurrence of the problem, we have begun installation of air conditioners in the bases of the two ROSET's; they will lower the humidity and prevent the entrance of dirt-laden air.

Despite technical difficulties, cruising and monitoring continued virtually uninterrupted. We found that the Mexican Morelos 1 satellite at 113.5 W became operational at the end of the month, and we have turned to it exclusively for coverage of Mexican television. We supplemented Paraguay Bureau's coverage of the Peruvian presidential inauguration, recording on 28 and 29 July 15 one-hour-long videotapes of the ceremonies and military parade. The most significant development in the cruising of press agencies on satellite was the identification, on the 34.5 W INTELSAT, of the Buenos Aires Reuter tributary circuit. The cast was the first FBIS coverage lost to satellite technology, in 1968, and we seem now to have recovered it.

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## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

Cuba was the focal point for coverage in July, with President Fidel Castro delivering speeches and holding press conferences practically non-stop. President Castro addressed graduating primary education teachers, the participants at a journalists congress in Havana, the persons attending the Latin American-Caribbean Trade Union Conference in Havana, a rally in Guantanamo to commemorate the 32nd anniversary of the assault on Moncada Barracks, and the participants at a Cuba-sponsored meeting on the Latin American debt. This last meeting, sponsored and organized by Cuba seemed to have been designed as a showcase for Castro's opinions on the foreign debt and as a vehicle to convey this opinion to the other countries in the hemisphere. To achieve this Radio Havana not only devoted all of its Spanish-service transmitters to live coverage of the event, but added an additional frequency for "listeners in South America" and a 4-hour early morning "special cast" to retransmit coverage of the events.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega delivered his 19 July anniversary day address within the framework of continuing military confrontations with bordering Costa Rica and Honduras, increased attacks by the Honduran-based Nicaraguan Democratic Force, FDN, and with Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto beginning his 13th day of a "fast for peace."

On the heels of an OAS investigation into an earlier Costa Rica-Nicaragua border incident, the two countries accused each other of airspace violations on 26 July, while cross-border attacks were charged in two incidents between Honduras and Nicaragua on 5 and 11 July.

The Honduras-based FDN stepped up its activities in July, with attacks on Esteli and La Penca early in the month, while the Costa Rican-based Democratic Revolutionary Alliance, ARDE, continued to break apart. Sixty-two of its members reportedly surrendered to the Sandinist Peoples Army (EPS) following heavy fighting with army troops last month; a leading commander, Adolfo Chamorro, announced that he was giving up the armed struggle, and Eden Pastora, ARDE's supreme commander, suffered minor injuries in a helicopter accident on 24 July.

The Contadora Group, in the interim, continued in vain to try to get the parties involved to come to some understanding, although it had obtained the support of the French Government for its most recent efforts.

In El Salvador the rebels continued their efforts to undermine the economy by disrupting vehicular traffic and attacking the country's power supply system. The most noteworthy attack during July was that on the Mariona prison, which allowed many prisoners to escape.

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B. Technical

During the month, the bureau received as accountable property one Motorola Receiver/Transmitter, Model H33BB3144-ASP45 Serial No. 330AKL0129. Requisition No. 0532-84275-500-1F. Unit Price: \$1,346.00.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

STAT [redacted] our new spanish monitor entered on duty 8 July.

STAT Chief Technician [redacted] received an Exceptional Accomplishment Award during July together with a \$2,500 check. The award was based primarily on his efforts to establish and maintain the valuable Central American remote system.

STAT Promotions effective 7 July were received by: [redacted]  
STAT [redacted] Maintenance Clerk from FBN-1/2 to FBN-2/1; [redacted]  
STAT Spanish Monitor from FBN-7/1 to FBN-8/1; [redacted] Spanish  
STAT Monitor FBN-10/5 to Monitor Supervisor FBN-11/4; Mercedes Guardia, Admin  
STAT Assistant from FBN-8/4 to FBN-9/3; [redacted] Spanish Monitor from  
STAT FBN-7/1 to FBN-8/1; and [redacted] Spanish Monitor from FBN-7/2 to  
FBN-8/1.

STAT PSI's effective 7 July were received by: [redacted]  
STAT Spanish Monitor from FBN-10/6 to FBN-10/7; and [redacted]  
Communications Operator from FBN-3/1 to FBN-3/2.

STAT Both [redacted] began  
STAT their maternity leaves in July. [redacted] went on LWOP effective 22 July in  
STAT order to take advantage of the maternity benefits offered by the Panama  
Social Security. [redacted] began her sick leave effective 29 July.

STAT [redacted] last day at the bureau was 19 July. A  
small ceremony was held in the Bureau Chief's office to wish her farewell  
and good luck.

B. Building and Grounds

STAT Construction work began during the month on the screened  
porches for the FBIS houses on Ft. Clayton. We anticipate the project  
will be completed by the contractor, [redacted] by the middle of  
August.

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#### IV. VISITS

The bureau chief returned on 7 July, after a month of annual leave and TDY in the United States.

Deputy Chief [ ] began an orientation/coordination TDY at Paraguay Bureau on 29 July.

Visitors to the bureau during the month were Editor [ ] and family, en route from Key West Bureau to Paraguay Bureau PCS, for TDY on 4 and 5 July; [ ], C/CommCtr, for a review of bureau communications, on 10 and 11 July; UD's [ ] on two-week military reserve duty with SOUTHCOM, on 13 July for a walkthrough and briefing on operations; and DRD Special Assistant [ ] on his way back to Washington from a lengthy TDY in Paraguay, for Panama Bureau orientation and a review of the editorial training program, on 22 and 23 July.

[ ]  
Chief, Panama Bureau, FBIS

Attachment:  
Production Report

## Panama Bureau Production Report for July 1985

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:         | 565580 |
| TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:     | 21310  |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: | 1272   |

|  | BROAD-<br>CASTS  | PRESS<br>AGENCIES | PUBLI-<br>CATIONS |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:<br>(minutes or issues per week) | 11100.00<br>min. | 42300.00<br>min.  | 205.00<br>issues  |
| III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:<br>(publishable words per month) |                  |                   |                   |

## ARGENTINA

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Buenos Aires LATIN in<br>Spanish  | 1830 |
| Buenos Aires REUTER in<br>Spanish | 1830 |

## CLANDESTINES

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in<br>Spanish to El Salvador | 11240 |
| Clandestine Radio Venceremos in<br>Spanish to El Salvador      | 34110 |
| Clandestine Voice of Sandino in<br>Spanish to Nicaragua        | 0     |

## COLOMBIA

|   |      |      |
|---|------|------|
| Bogota Cadena Radial Super in<br>Spanish      | 970  |      |
| Bogota Domestic Service in<br>Spanish         | 0    |      |
| Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in<br>Spanish | 2350 |      |
| Bogota Radio Sutatenza Network in<br>Spanish  | 600  |      |
| Bogota Television Service in<br>Spanish       | 2230 |      |
| Bogota REUTER in<br>English                   |      | 270  |
| Bogota EL SIGLO in<br>Spanish                 |      | 7530 |
| Bogota EL TIEMPO in<br>Spanish                |      | 2190 |

## COSTA RICA

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| San Jose Radio Impacto in<br>Spanish | 9340 |
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|  | BROAD-<br>CASTS | PRESS<br>AGENCIES | PUBLI-<br>CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| San Jose Radio Reloj in<br>Spanish             | 6720            |                   |                   |
| San Jose LA NACION in<br>Spanish               |                 |                   | 6240              |
| San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in<br>Spanish         |                 |                   | 500               |
| San Jose LA REPUBLICA in<br>Spanish            |                 |                   | 4090              |
| San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in<br>Spanish |                 |                   | 450               |
| San Jose LIBERTAD in<br>Spanish                |                 |                   | 2770              |
| San Jose RUMBO CENTROAMERICANO in<br>Spanish   |                 |                   | 5850              |
| CUBA   |                 |                   |                   |
| Havana International Service in<br>Quechua     | 1070            |                   |                   |
| Havana International Service in<br>Spanish     | 78120           |                   |                   |
| Havana International Service in<br>English     | 0               |                   |                   |
| Havana Domestic Service in<br>Spanish          | 10450           |                   |                   |
| Havana PRELA in<br>English                     |                 | 36230             |                   |
| Havana PRELA in<br>Spanish                     |                 | 5350              |                   |
| Havana GRANMA in<br>Spanish                    |                 |                   | 440               |
| Havana JUVENTUD REBELDE in<br>Spanish          |                 |                   | 1500              |
| ECUADOR  |                 |                   |                   |
| Quito Radio Quito in<br>Spanish                | 840             |                   |                   |
| Quito Voz de los Andes in<br>Spanish           | 4750            |                   |                   |
| Quito REUTER in<br>Spanish                     |                 | 270               |                   |
| EL SALVADOR                                    |                 |                   |                   |
| San Salvador Domestic Service in<br>Spanish    | 0               |                   |                   |
| San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in<br>Spanish | 5870            |                   |                   |
| San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in<br>Spanish   | 5590            |                   |                   |

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|  | BROAD-<br>CASTS | PRESS<br>AGENCIES | PUBLI-<br>CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in<br>Spanish                | 11210           |                   |                   |
| San Salvador NOTISAL in<br>Spanish                         |                 | 1530              |                   |
| San Salvador SALPRESS in<br>Spanish                        |                 | 390               |                   |
| San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in<br>Spanish                   |                 |                   | 650               |
| San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in<br>Spanish                |                 |                   | 2840              |
| San Salvador EL MUNDO in<br>Spanish                        |                 |                   | 2720              |
| San Salvador EL TIEMPO in<br>Spanish                       |                 |                   | 0                 |
| San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in<br>Spanish               |                 |                   | 2680              |
| San Salvador PROCESO in<br>Spanish                         |                 |                   | 0                 |
| San Salvador THE NEWS GAZETTE in<br>English                |                 |                   | 0                 |
| FRANCE   |                 |                   |                   |
| Paris AFP in<br>English                                    |                 | 2670              |                   |
| Paris AFP in<br>Spanish                                    |                 | 15880             |                   |
| GERMANY  |                 |                   |                   |
| Hamburg DPA in<br>Spanish                                  |                 | 6460              |                   |
| GUATEMALA  |                 |                   |                   |
| Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras<br>Unidas in<br>Spanish  | 2920            |                   |                   |
| Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo in<br>Spanish             | 300             |                   |                   |
| Guatemala City Radio Television<br>Guatemala in<br>Spanish | 3040            |                   |                   |
| Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in<br>Spanish                    |                 |                   | 750               |
| Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in<br>Spanish                  |                 |                   | 2600              |
| HONDURAS   |                 |                   |                   |
| Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in<br>Spanish               | 7430            |                   |                   |

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|  | BROAD-<br>CASTS | PRESS<br>AGENCIES | PUBLI-<br>CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Tegucigalpa Domestic Service in<br>Spanish           | 2060            |                   |                   |
| Tegucigalpa Radio America in<br>Spanish              | 3800            |                   |                   |
| Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in<br>Spanish       | 500             |                   |                   |
| Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in<br>Spanish    | 1630            |                   |                   |
| San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in<br>Spanish               |                 |                   | 1840              |
| San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in<br>Spanish                  |                 |                   | 2970              |
| Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in<br>Spanish                 |                 |                   | 0                 |
| Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in<br>Spanish                 |                 |                   | 1400              |
| <br>MEXICO   |                 |                   |                   |
| Mexico City XEW Television Network in<br>Spanish     | 6960            |                   |                   |
| Mexico City XHDF Television<br>Network in<br>Spanish | 2670            |                   |                   |
| Mexico City REUTER in<br>English                     |                 | 550               |                   |
| Mexico City EL DIA in<br>Spanish                     |                 |                   | 410               |
| Mexico City EL NACIONAL in<br>Spanish                |                 |                   | 480               |
| Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in<br>Spanish           |                 |                   | 80                |
| Mexico City EL UNIVERSAL in<br>Spanish               |                 |                   | 150               |
| Mexico City EXCELSIOR in<br>Spanish                  |                 |                   | 3230              |
| Mexico City THE NEWS in<br>English                   |                 |                   | 520               |
| Mexico City UNOMASUNO in<br>Spanish                  |                 |                   | 700               |
| <br>NICARAGUA  |                 |                   |                   |
| Managua International Service in<br>Spanish          | 240             |                   |                   |
| Managua Domestic Service in<br>Spanish               | 41670           |                   |                   |
| Managua Radio Noticias in<br>Spanish                 | 3110            |                   |                   |
| Managua Radio Sandino Network in<br>Spanish          | 13230           |                   |                   |

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|  | BROAD-<br>CASTS | PRESS<br>AGENCIES | PUBLI-<br>CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Managua Radio Sandino in<br>Spanish                            | 38670           |                   |                   |
| Managua Sistema Sandinista Television<br>Network in<br>Spanish | 2360            |                   |                   |
| Managua ANN in<br>Spanish                                      |                 | 9680              |                   |
| Managua ANN in<br>English                                      |                 | 9290              |                   |
| Managua PRELA in<br>Spanish                                    |                 | 830               |                   |
| Managua BARRICADA in<br>Spanish                                |                 |                   | 11350             |
| Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in<br>Spanish                          |                 |                   | 0                 |
| Managua LA PRENSA in<br>Spanish                                |                 |                   | 6380              |
| PANAMA   |                 |                   |                   |
| Panama City Circuito RPC<br>Television in<br>Spanish           | 5070            |                   |                   |
| Panama City Domestic Service in<br>Spanish                     | 26840           |                   |                   |
| Panama City PANAVISION in<br>Spanish                           | 960             |                   |                   |
| Panama City Radio Continente in<br>Spanish                     | 1530            |                   |                   |
| Panama City Radio Mia Network in<br>Spanish                    | 230             |                   |                   |
| Panama City Televisora Nacional in<br>Spanish                  | 3330            |                   |                   |
| Panama City ACAN in<br>Spanish                                 |                 | 10130             |                   |
| Panama City CRITICA in<br>Spanish                              |                 |                   | 1260              |
| Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in<br>Spanish                       |                 |                   | 0                 |
| Panama City EL SIGLO in<br>Spanish                             |                 |                   | 240               |
| Panama City EXTRA in<br>Spanish                                |                 |                   | 250               |
| Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in<br>Spanish                |                 |                   | 4210              |
| Panama City LA PRENSA in<br>Spanish                            |                 |                   | 1580              |
| Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in<br>Spanish               |                 |                   | 0                 |
| Panama City LA REPUBLICA in<br>Spanish                         |                 |                   | 1080              |

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|   | BROAD-<br>CASTS | PRESS<br>AGENCIES | PUBLI-<br>CATIONS |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Panama City MATUTINO in<br>Spanish            |                 |                   | 80                |
| Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in<br>Spanish      |                 |                   | 1110              |
| Panama City STAR AND HERALD in<br>English     |                 |                   | 610               |
| Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in<br>English |                 |                   | 0                 |
|   |                 |                   |                   |
| SPAIN   |                 |                   |                   |
| Madrid EFE in<br>Spanish                      |                 | 11870             |                   |
|   |                 |                   |                   |
| VENEZUELA                                     |                 |                   |                   |
| Caracas Domestic Service in<br>Spanish        | 4180            |                   |                   |
| Caracas Television Service in<br>Spanish      | 6080            |                   |                   |
| Caracas REUTER in<br>English                  |                 | 440               |                   |
| Caracas EL NACIONAL in<br>Spanish             |                 |                   | 1650              |
| Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in<br>Spanish            |                 |                   | 430               |

## PANAMA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1985 -- ANNEX

TOTALS FRPM ROSET SOURCES:

## COLOMBIA

Bogota Television Service in

Spanish 2,230

Bogota REUTER in

English 270

## CUBA

Havana PRELA in

Spanish 5,350

## ECUADOR

Quito REUTER in

Spanish 270

## EL SALVADOR

San Salvador NOTISAL in

Spanish 1,530

San Salvador SALPRESS in

Spanish 390

## MEXICO

Mexico City XEW Television Network in

Spanish 6,960

Mexico City XHDF Television Network in

Spanish 2,670

Mexico City REUTER in

English 550

## NICARAGUA

Managua ANN in

English 9,290

Managua ANN in

Spanish 9,680

Managua PRELA in

Spanish 830

## SPAIN

Madrid EFE in

Spanish 1,330

## VENEZUELA

Caracas Television Service in

Spanish 6,080

Caracas REUTER in

English 440

TOTAL FOR JULY 1985

47,870